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PRACTICAL NURSING

SPRING 2027 Entering Class

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

If you wish to be considered for the Spring 2027 entering class, you **MUST** have completed the following tasks by the noted deadline:

COMPLETE:	DEADLINE:
ALL Admission Requirements – Priority Consideration Deadline	**Friday, August 28, 2026 by 5:00pm**
ALL Admission Requirements – Latest Submission Deadline	**Friday, September 25, 2026 by 5:00pm**

It is **your** responsibility to read and become familiar with this document.

Completion of these tasks does not guarantee

acceptance to the Spring 2027 entering class!

STEP 1: Complete Admissions Requirements

COMPLETE THE SPECIFIC PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Complete the RDS (Residency Determination Service) first**. Applications for Admission cannot be submitted without first obtaining your RCN (Residency Certification Number) here: RDS Admissions Page .

2. **Submit a Blue Ridge *Application for Admission***. You can complete the application online on our Admissions Page as well . If you have applied to Blue Ridge Community College previously or have taken Curriculum courses here before, you will need to update your information by completing a Blue Ridge application available on our website.
    - Select "Associate in General Education (AGE)-Nursing." Once accepted into the program, students will be provided an Allied Health-Change of Program Form to declare Practical Nursing as their program of study. Completed forms must be submitted to the Registrar's Office before Orientation. All legibly signed forms may be emailed to registrar@blueridge.edu .

3. **Submit all Official Transcripts** – Applicants pursuing the Practical Nursing program are required to submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. High School, High School Equivalency, and College transcripts are all required.

    Evidence of an Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale for students without College-level credit. For students with College-level credit, the most recent transcript with at least six (6) College-level credit hours will be evaluated for the 2.00 or higher GPA requirement.

    If additional coursework is completed after submission of transcripts, an official updated transcript must be submitted to Blue Ridge to ensure all possible transfer credit is awarded.

    - Complete BIO 090 or high school Biology with a grade of "C" or higher. A College-Level Biology of BIO 110 or higher will waive the Biology requirement. *For High School Equivalency Diploma: A standard score of 150 or above on the Science Test will count as one unit of Biology. For GED, a standard score of 450 or above on the Natural Science Test will count as one unit of Biology.*
    - All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to meet these high school requirements.
    - Applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, taking these courses and anticipating completing the grade and course requirements may continue with the application process. Students enrolled in high school should request that the high school mail a final transcript to Blue Ridge as soon as possible upon graduation.

4. Demonstrate College readiness by appropriate developmental courses, College courses, SAT/ACT scores, Placement Testing, an Associate's Degree or higher, or through current Developmental Education standards utilizing an Unweighted GPA of 2.80 or higher from an eligible United States-based high school. The following developmental coursework must be exempted or completed with a grade of "A," "B," "C," or "P:"

MAT 045 – Math Skills Support
ENG 045 – English Skills Support
or
MAT 003/BSP 4003 P2 – Transition Math
ENG 002/BSP 4002 P2 – Transition English

Placement testing is waived for the following:

- An Associate's degree or higher
- Transferable College-level English and Math with a grade of "C" or higher
- Acceptable SAT or ACT scores taken within the last 10 years
    - SAT score of 500 or above on Writing or Critical Reading, and 500 or above in Mathematics if taken before March 2016
    - SAT score of 480 or higher on Evidence Based Reading and Writing, and a score of 530 on Mathematics if taken after March 2016
    - Minimum of 18 on ACT English or 22 on ACT Reading, or a minimum of 22 on ACT Mathematics

5. The Student must maintain a Program GPA of 2.00 or higher throughout the duration of the Practical Nursing program, and a "C" or better in all courses required and related to the Practical Nursing program.

6. Applicants must take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academics Skills) test prior to the program application deadline. A Composite Score of **60 or higher** is required for entry into the program.

Students are limited to take the TEAS test **two** times per application cycle (June 1, 2026 – August 28, 2026) at Blue Ridge Community College. Students who take the TEAS test more than once will be able to use the highest score of the set. Online tests proctored through ATI are permitted.

Official scores sent from other locations must be sent through ATI Testing (www.atitesting.com) and must be received at Blue Ridge by the deadline date. Scores expire after three years.

For more information on the TEAS test and scheduling, please contact Laura Simmons (828-694-1807) or Julie Brackett (828-694-1812) in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. For test

practice materials, go to www.atitesting.com. TEAS practice materials are also available for purchase in the Blue Ridge Bookstore or on reserve in the Blue Ridge Library and Student Success Center.

7. **Candidates for admission to the program may be ranked on a points-based system.** Points may be awarded according to a variety of factors, which may include the following:
   - Grade earned on Curriculum-related coursework
   - Highest degree previously awarded
   - TEAS Score, etc.

   If over 20 applicants are eligible for admission, the ranking process may be used. Applicants with the highest overall points after ranking will be offered acceptance into the PN program. The remaining PN applicants will be placed on an Alternate list in ranked order. Alternates will be contacted in their respective order should space become available in the PN program. Applicants who remain on the PN Alternate list once the 2027 PN Nursing program cycle begins **will not be carried over to a waiting list for the following year, and must reapply to the PN program for the following year**.

   Twenty (20) positions and ten (10) alternate positions are available for the Practical Nursing program beginning January 2027.

STEP 2: Submit the completed ARC (Admissions Requirements Checklist) before the deadline to the Registrar's Office

1. Submit the ARC to the Registrar's Office **by no later than 5:00p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026**. Priority consideration will be given to students who submit their completed ARC by 5:00p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026. If seat capacity is still available for the program, ARC's will continue being accepted through Friday, September 25, 2026.

   The Registrar's Office will confirm that your Practical Nursing Admission Requirements have been met.

Return the ARC to:
Blue Ridge Community College
Registrar's Office
180 West Campus Dr
Flat Rock, NC 28731-9624
registrar@blueridge.edu

STEP 3: Selection and Notification of Candidates

- The Class Candidate Lists will be forwarded to the Practical Nursing Program Director, who will send acceptance letters to those candidates.
- All candidates who are not accepted into the program or who accept a space in the Spring 2027 program but DECLINE or WITHDRAW during the semester **MUST REAPPLY** and complete the entire admission process for the next year's class.

Practical Nursing-Program Specific Requirements

Applicants may be ranked according to a variety of factors, which may include the following: grade earned on Curriculum-related coursework, highest degree previously awarded, eligible TEAS score, etc. In situations where the Program Director may deem it necessary, a letter from your employer verifying a minimum of one year's work experience in a related Healthcare field may be required.

Students applying to the Practical Nursing program must complete a Nurse Aide course with a State-approved curriculum such as a high school Allied Health Science program, or a Community College course. This course must include theory, lab, and a clinical component. The applicant must also have current American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) or American Red Cross (CPR) documentation. **Nurse Aide and Basic Life Support listings/credentials must be attained without expiration prior to the start of the Spring 2027 program.**

To retain Nurse Aide Registry status, applicants must complete one of the following:

- Renew their Nurse Aide Registry Listing before the Spring 2026 program start date, **or**
- Provide a letter from their employer on business letterhead stating they are in good standing to remain on the Nurse Aide Registry, **or**
- Consult with the Program Director for additional options at the Program Director's discretion

To register for a Nurse Aide course with Blue Ridge Community College, visit the following link: https://www.blueridge.edu/programs-courses/healthcare/nurse-aide-courses/.

Required Documentation:

Listing on Registry	Refer to North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry https://www.ncnar.org/index1.jsp Print a copy of your listing and expiration date (must be unrestricted)
AHA-BLS (CPR) or American Red Cross CPR	A copy of your valid card

How Points may be Awarded:

- Points will only be given for courses completed with an "A," "B," or "C" on the first completed attempt only. Withdrawn courses will not count as completed coursework.

- Courses counted for points may include but are not limited to the following: *BIO 165/166 or BIO 168/169, ENG 111, and PSY 150. (*Partial credit is not eligible for BIO 165 or BIO 166 as the sequence must be completed at the same institution to receive full credit.)

- Points are also awarded for highest degree awarded, ranging from Associate's Degree to Doctorate Degree.

- The TEAS Composite score can earn points based within a scoring range starting at 60 or higher.

- For applicants enrolled at NC Community Colleges other than Blue Ridge, the following courses will be substituted: BIO 165/166 for BIO 168/169. The BIO 165/166 sequence must be completed at the same institution in order to receive credit. Currently enrolled high school students may earn points based on various completed high school courses.

- Applicants will not receive additional points for taking Developmental courses or courses that are not part of the Practical Nursing Curriculum.

Notification Procedure:

Notification letters for program acceptance will be mailed by October 14, 2026. Applicants who did not meet requirements, were not accepted, or declined admission must reapply to the PN program for the following year. Applicants who remain on the Alternate list once the 2027 PN program cycle begins **will not be carried over to a waiting list for the following year, and must reapply to the PN program for the following year.**

The 20 (twenty) students selected will be notified when to complete the following information:

1. Student Medical Form must be submitted at least 30 days prior to entering the Spring 2026 core Nursing classes. The medical form must verify acceptable levels of immunizations, physical health, and mental health. Failure to complete every aspect of the form may delay entry into the program.

2. The Student must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher throughout the duration of the PN program, and a "C" or better in all PN program-related courses.

3. Clinical agency requirements include immunizations, criminal background check, and drug screening. This is a requirement of the agencies and not the PN program. Information regarding the agency requirements will be provided at the time of registration for Spring classes. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny a Student access to the facility based on the failure to meet above requirements. **If a Student is denied access to any clinical agency, the Student may be unable to progress in the Practical Nursing program.**

Blue Ridge Community College reserves the right to change Curriculum and Admission requirements without prior notice.